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REMARKS

The Office Action and the cited and applied references have been carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 3, 12-14, 17 and 22 presently appear in this application and are allowed.

Withdrawn claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice to refiling in a divisional application.

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rathjen et al., US Patent 5,795,859 and as being anticipated by Jensen et al., WO 98/46642. Both rejections are obviated by the cancellation of claim 10 without prejudice.

In view of the above, the only pending claims are allowed claims 1, 3, 12-14, 17 and 22. Early allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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